SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA: Sir, I want to ask only one thing. I have seen in one particular area near my colony, New Friends Colony, where the Lt. Governor came and gave orders for demolition some time back a few days later the buildings were rebuilt under the influence of some political bigwigs. Is there an answer to it?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Clandestine sale of Calcium Ammonium Nitrate

*144. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI RASHEED MASOOD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 4-2-1987 regarding the clandestine sale of imported Calcium Ammonium Nitrate obtained from the FCI warehouses which have become sub-standard with the passage of time and its mixing with fresh CAN to produce ammonium nitrate, an ingredient for explosives in violation of the Fertiliser Control Order, 1985; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI G. S. DHILLON): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government's attention has peared in the Hindustan Times of been drawn to the press report which ap- 4.2.1987, with caption of "Fertiliser being used to make explosives".

Sale, price and quality of fertilisers are regulated through Fertiliser (Control) Order 1985, which has been issued under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Clause 23 of the said order provides for disposal of non-standard fertilisers to safeguard the interest of the farmers. Non-standard fertilisers can be sold only to manufacturers of mixtures of fertilisers or special mixtures of fertilisers or research farms of Government or Universities or such bodies.

Again under Clause 25 of the Order, no person shall, except, with the permission of Central Government and subject to such terms and conditions as may be imposed by the Government sell or use fertilisers for purposes other than fertilisation of soils and increasing productivity of crops. The price of fertilisers permitted for sale for industrial purposes shall be on no profit no loss basis.

The State Governments who have been delegated the powers to enforce the Fertiliser Control Order in the States, have been asked to keep a strict vigil on the unauthorised diversion of fertiliser for industrial purposes and to take legal action against the offenders.

The news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 4.2.1987 regarding use of fertilisers to make explosives was also brought to the notice of the State Governments, with a view to ensuring that fertilisers are not used for any commercial purpose unless specifically permitted.

The Food Corporation of India has also been asked to stop the sale of substandard cam to private parties and explore the possibilities of sale to government industrial institutions.

Compensation Scheme for Retrenched employees of FCI

*147. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Food Corporation of India has drawn up a scheme to retrench nearly 6000 employees during 1987;

(b) if so, what is the urgency felt for such a large scale retrenchment;

(c) whether it is a fact that some employees of the FCI of the Calcutta Port had also been retrenched earlier and if

so, the scheme of compensation that had been drawn up in this regard; and

(d) the scheme of compensation which Government propose to follow in the present case and how does it compare with the scheme adopted earlier in the case of the FCI dock workers?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During 1986, 201 departmental workers of FCI at Calcutta Port opted for voluntary retirement under a special voluntary retirement scheme. A copy of the scheme is laid on the Table of the Sabha (*See* below)

(d) Does not arise.

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

SPECIAL VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT SCHEME, 1986

1. *Title, Commencement, Jurisdiction and Duration*:

1.1 This scheme will be called "Special Voluntary Retirement Scheme for Departmental workers of FCI employed at major Ports".

1.2 This Scheme will remain in operation initially for a period of two months i.e. for July and August, 1986. The period may, however, be extended by FCI, if considered necessary.

2. *Eligibility*:

The following workers employed by FCI at various ports will be eligible to opt for voluntary retirement under the Scheme:—

2.1 Registered workers covered by Bombay Foodgrain Handling Workers (Regulation of Employment) Scheme, 1975, who are exclusively employed for FCI's operations at Bombay Port.

2.2 FCI's listed workers covered by Kandla Unregistered Dock Workers (Regulation of Employment) Scheme, who are directly employed by FCI under its control at Kandla Port.

2.3 FCI's departmental workers directly employed by it at the ports of Madras & Calcutta, and Ports & related godowns workers of Vizag.

3. *Benefits*:

Benefits admissible to the workers retiring under Voluntary Retirement Scheme:—

(i) Provident Fund accumulations (Employee's & Employer's contribution).

(ii) Gratuity as admissible under payment of Gratuity Act, 1972 and/or rules applicable to the concerned workers for payment of Gratuity.

(iii) Special compensation payment equal to 3 months 'emoluments' for each completed year of service subject to a ceiling equal to monthly emoluments at the time of voluntary retirement multiplied by the balance of months of service left before superannuation/normal retirement;

The compensation payment can be made in lump-sum or in two annual instalments.

(iv) Leave salary equal to 30 days or as due whichever is less (Leave would mean Privilege/Earned Leave only).

4. *Terms 'emoluments', average pay' 'wages' and 'Leave salary'*:

The terms 'emoluments' 'average pay' Leave Salary', 'wages' etc. would include basic pay and dearness allowance only (all types of Dearness Allowances).

5. *Option Proforma*:

The individual worker will opt for voluntary Retirement Under the Scheme in the prescribed proforma and will furnish a Receipt in the proforma enclosed in token of his full and final settlement of dues in FCI.

OPTION FORM FOR VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT

To

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(Bombay Dock Labour Board in case of FCI's registered workers at Bombay Port and to JM(PO) FCI in case of departmental workers at Kandla, Madras, Calcutta and Vizag Ports).

Sir,

I hereby opt for retirement under the Voluntary Retirement Scheme of the Food Corporation of India as contained in your circular/letter No.————————Dated————————.

Kindly permit me to retire accordingly.

I request you that my dues may be paid to me in one lump sum/in two annual instalments (strike out whichever is not applicable).

Yours faithfully,

Dated:————————.

Signature, Name of the worker with designation and place of posting etc.

RECEIPT

I have received a cheque for Rs.————————(Rupees————————) on my voluntary retirement from Bombay Dock Labour Board/Food Corporation of India (as the case may be) in full and final/part (Strike out whichever is not applicable) settlement of my dues and shall have no claim whatsoever in future.

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Signature, Name, Designation and Place of posting of the worker.